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SUBJ: FRENCH AUFC TEST EXPLOSION IN PACIFIC

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1. I HAVE TALKED TO MY FRENCH COLLEAGUE. I TOLD HIM THAT NO ONE PRESENTLY AT LIMA PARTICIPATED IN ANY SUCH CONVERSATION AS REPORTED TO HIM BY VALDEMAR LLAMOSAS. I SAID IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT MR. LLAMOSAS HAD HAD A CONVERSATION WITH A RECENTLY DEPARTED SECRETARY OF EMBASSY (WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF SCIENCE AFFAIRS) AT THE FOURTH OF JULY RECEPTION BUT THAT I COULD NOT IMAGINE THAT THIS OFFICER WOULD HAVE SPOKEN CONCERNING POSSIBLE POLLUTION OF COASTAL WATERS. I TOLD AMBASSADOR CHAMBON THAT, ALTHOUGH WE HAD SIGNED THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND DID NOT APPROVE OF ATOMIC TESTING IN THE ATMOSPHERE, I HAVE, AS REPORTED TO HIM LAST YEAR, MADE HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATIONS TO THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING PRESIDENT VELASCO HIMSELF, TO THE EFFECT THAT WE DID NOT CONSIDER THAT RESULTING FALL-OUT WAS A DANGER TO PERU. I TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THIS WAS THE POSITION WHICH WE HAVE TAKEN IN ANY CONVERSTAIONS WITH PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES AND THAT AT NO TIME HAVE WE IN THE EMBASSY DISCUSSED THE QUESTIONS OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA.

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2. I ASKED AMBASSADOR CHAMBON IF HE COULD CHECK WITH LLAMOSAS TO SEE IF HE COULD IDENTIFY THE EMBASSY OFFICER. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD DO SO BUT THAT LLAMOSAS HAD NOT MENTIONED ANY NAME WHEN HE REPEATED THIS STORY TO HIM. I SAID THAT WE WERE ANXIOUS TO HAVE A REPLY AVAILABLE FOR EMBASSY PARIS BY MONDAY. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD TRY BUT HE WAS EXTEREMLY BUSY TODAY AND TOMORROW. WHEN I ASKED IF HE WOULD PREFER THAT I CALL MR. LLAMOSAS, HE SAID NO. HE WUULD RATHER THAT I LEFT IT TO HIM.

3. AS SOON AS I HEAR ANYTHING ADDITIONAL FROM THE FRENCH AMB I WILL COMMENT FURTHER. IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR HERE, DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE ARE ON WHAT I CONSIDER TO BE GOOD TERMS, DID NOT CALL THIS TO MY ATTENTION FOR MY COMMENTS PRIOR TO INFORMING HIS OWN GOVERNMENT.
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